

Environmental Protection Agency

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Subpart D—Release Detection

§ 280.40 General requirements for all UST systems.

(a) Owners and operators of new and existing UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that:

(1) Can detect a release from any portion of the tank and the connected underground piping that routinely contains product;

(2) Is installed, calibrated, operated, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, including routine maintenance and service checks for operability or running condition; and

(3) Meets the performance requirements in § 280.43 or 280.44, with any performance claims and their manner of determination described in writing by the equipment manufacturer or installer. In addition, methods used after the date shown in the following table corresponding with the specified method except for methods permanently installed prior to that date, must be capable of detecting the leak rate or quantity specified for that method in the corresponding section of the rule (also shown in the table) with a probability of detection (Pd) of 0.95 and a probability of false alarm (Pfa) of 0.05.

Method	Section	Date after which Pd/Pfa must be demonstrated
Manual Tank Gauging.	280.43(b)	December 22, 1990.
Tank Tightness Testing.	280.43(c)	December 22, 1990.
Automatic Tank Gauging.	280.43(d)	December 22, 1990.
Automatic Line Leak Detectors.	280.44(a)	September 22, 1991.
Line Tightness Testing.	280.44(b)	December 22, 1990.

(b) When a release detection method operated in accordance with the performance standards in § 280.43 and § 280.44 indicates a release may have occurred, owners and operators must notify the implementing agency in accordance with subpart E.

(c) Owners and operators of all UST systems must comply with the release detection requirements of this subpart by December 22 of the year listed in the following table:

SCHEDULE FOR PHASE-IN OF RELEASE DETECTION

Year system was installed	Year when release detection is required (by December 22 of the year indicated)				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Before 1965 or date unknown.	RD	P			
1965–69		P/RD			
1970–74		P	RD		
1975–79		P		RD	
1980–88		P			RD

New tanks (after December 22) immediately upon installation.

P=Must begin release detection for all pressurized piping as defined in § 280.41(b)(1).
RD=Must begin release detection for tanks and suction piping in accordance with § 280.41(a), § 280.41(b)(2), and § 280.42.

(d) Any existing UST system that cannot apply a method of release detection that complies with the requirements of this subpart must complete the closure procedures in subpart G by the date on which release detection is required for that UST system under paragraph (c) of this section.

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§ 280.41 Requirements for petroleum UST systems.

Owners and operators of petroleum UST systems must provide release detection for tanks and piping as follows:

(a) *Tanks.* Tanks must be monitored at least every 30 days for releases using one of the methods listed in § 280.43 (d) through (h) except that:

(1) UST systems that meet the performance standards in § 280.20 or § 280.21, and the monthly inventory control requirements in § 280.43 (a) or (b), may use tank tightness testing (conducted in accordance with § 280.43(c)) at least every 5 years until December 22, 1998, or until 10 years after the tank is installed or upgraded under § 280.21(b), whichever is later;

(2) UST systems that do not meet the performance standards in § 280.20 or § 280.21 may use monthly inventory controls (conducted in accordance with § 280.43(a) or (b)) and annual tank tightness testing (conducted in accordance with § 280.43(c)) until December 22, 1998 when the tank must be upgraded under § 280.21 or permanently closed under § 280.71; and

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(3) Tanks with capacity of 550 gallons or less may use weekly tank gauging (conducted in accordance with § 280.43(b)).

(b) *Piping.* Underground piping that routinely contains regulated substances must be monitored for releases in a manner that meets one of the following requirements:

(1) *Pressurized piping.* Underground piping that conveys regulated substances under pressure must:

(i) Be equipped with an automatic line leak detector conducted in accordance with § 280.44(a); and

(ii) Have an annual line tightness test conducted in accordance with § 280.44(b) or have monthly monitoring conducted in accordance with § 280.44(c).

(2) *Suction piping.* Underground piping that conveys regulated substances under suction must either have a line tightness test conducted at least every 3 years and in accordance with § 280.44(b), or use a monthly monitoring method conduct in accordance with § 280.44(c). No release detection is required for suction piping that is designed and constructed to meet the following standards:

(i) The below-grade piping operates at less than atmospheric pressure;

(ii) The below-grade piping is sloped so that the contents of the pipe will drain back into the storage tank if the suction is released;

(iii) Only one check valve is included in each suction line;

(iv) The check valve is located directly below and as close as practical to the suction pump; and

(v) A method is provided that allows compliance with paragraphs (b)(2) (ii)–(iv) of this section to be readily determined.

§ 280.42 Requirements for hazardous substance UST systems.

Owners and operators of hazardous substance UST systems must provide release detection that meets the following requirements:

(a) Release detection at existing UST systems must meet the requirements for petroleum UST systems in § 280.41. By December 22, 1998, all existing hazardous substance UST systems must meet the release detection require-

ments for new systems in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Release detection at new hazardous substance UST systems must meet the following requirements:

(1) Secondary containment systems must be designed, constructed and installed to:

(i) Contain regulated substances released from the tank system until they are detected and removed;

(ii) Prevent the release of regulated substances to the environment at any time during the operational life of the UST system; and

(iii) Be checked for evidence of a release at least every 30 days.

NOTE. The provisions of 40 CFR 265.193, Containment and Detection of Releases, may be used to comply with these requirements.

(2) Double-walled tanks must be designed, constructed, and installed to:

(i) Contain a release from any portion of the inner tank within the outer wall; and

(ii) Detect the failure of the inner wall.

(3) External liners (including vaults) must be designed, constructed, and installed to:

(i) Contain 100 percent of the capacity of the largest tank within its boundary;

(ii) Prevent the interference of precipitation or ground-water intrusion with the ability to contain or detect a release of regulated substances; and

(iii) Surround the tank completely (i.e., it is capable of preventing lateral as well as vertical migration of regulated substances).

(4) Underground piping must be equipped with secondary containment that satisfies the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section (e.g., trench liners, jacketing of double-walled pipe). In addition, underground piping that conveys regulated substances under pressure must be equipped with an automatic line leak detector in accordance with § 280.44(a).

(5) Other methods of release detection may be used if owners and operators:

(i) Demonstrate to the implementing agency that an alternate method can detect a release of the stored substance as effectively as any of the methods allowed in §§ 280.43(b) through (h) can detect a release of petroleum;